

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting

February 28, 2019 6:30 P.M.

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

Nicci Lucas, HR, presented the commissioners with two different holiday policy amendments. The first option, option 1 states that non-exempt employees who are required to work on a scheduled holiday shall be compensated hour-for-hour up to a maximum of ten (10) hours. Example: If they work seven (7) hours, they will receive seven (7) hours and if they work a 12-hour shift on the holiday, they will receive ten (10) hours paid time off to use on another day. Option 2 states the same, but adds that any claim for holiday comp time that is made thirty days after it is accrued shall be denied.

The following table applies to all county offices and positions.

Department	Holiday Comp Time*
Government Offices - 7 Hour Work Day	Earn 7 Hours
Government Offices - 8 Hour Work Day	Earn 8 Hours
County Highway - 10 Hour Work Day	Earn 10 Hours
Dispatch/Sheriff's Dept. - 12 Hour Shift	Earn 10 Hours
EMT/Paramedics - 24 Hour Shift	Earn 10 Hours

Dave Turner stated that some of the holiday claims could potentially go back to 2012 to 2013. According to the spreadsheet from the Sheriff's Office there are over 1,344 hours that have been accrued. Matt Sporleder suggested the Sheriff's office go to the council and request funds to zero out the holiday claims. There are currently three deputies who have submitted holiday claims. Matt Sporleder gave permission for the auditor to pay the three current claims that were turned in from deputies.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve option 2, making the table effective February 28, 2019 and the claims for holiday comp time effective November 1, 2019. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Brad Bender with FPBH gave results of the CCMG paving bids. Three companies sent in bids. Results were All Star Paving for the amount of \$601,316.80, Dave O'Mara Contractors for \$502,448.00, and Milestone Contractors for \$662,935.00. Mr. Bender recommended awarding the bid to Dave O'Mara Contractors. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve awarding the bid to Dave O'Mara Contractors. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Katrina Coryell with Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence came before the council requesting funding. JCCDV only operates on donations and grant funds. Changes at the state and national level have resulted in a slower release of awarded funds making it difficult to maintain operations. JCCDV has been awarded the VOCA, DVPT, and SSBG grants managed through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Due to a new grant management system at ICJI the funds are not being disbursed for VOCA and SSBG at this time. Ms. Coryell states that the JCCDV is four months behind going on five. JCCDV asked the commissioners for help with funding in the amount of \$10,000. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve funding JCCDV in the amount of \$10,000. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Matt Sporleder has approved the funding to come out of the Riverboat fund.

Sheriff Kenny Freeman came before the commissioners with a PowerPoint presentation on a jail study prepared by Steve McCue. He stated that the specific needs of the jail were studied using a data-based approach. The jail study findings were that the current jail is large enough, in the middle of its service life, and needs minor mid-life refreshing. The recommendations are to postpone current plans for a new jail and focus priorities and funds toward mid-life refresh of current jail. Sheriff Freeman presents the plans in place to cost-effectively address the findings. He also introduced House Bill 1078 (pending) that provides that a court may commit a person convicted of a level 6 felony to the Department of Corrections if the person (1) is a violent offender; or (2) has two prior unrelated felony convictions. This would move more Level 6 prisoners from county jails to DOC facilities. Senate Bill 120 (pending) increases Sheriff reimbursement rate to \$55 per day for persons convicted of felonies. This would improve, but does not eliminate the reimbursement shortfall. The Sheriff then showed a video of inmates attempting to escape and attacking jailers. He then showed pictures of the jailers who had been attacked. Sheriff Freeman stressed the need to have more jail staffing.

Next, J.L. Brewer with Jackson/Jennings Community Corrections gave the commissioners an overview of the plans to build a new work release facility in Jackson County. Jennings County has been asked to assist in this project.

The facility would have 152 beds, with 50 of those designated to females.

Fifty of those beds would be guaranteed to Jennings County. The facility would be built in Seymour on Dupont Drive. J.L. stated that the hope is to get assistance from Jackson County, Jennings County, and the city of Seymour and open in January 2020. The facility would be designed to hold individuals sentenced to a work release program through the courts. In a work release program, the individual would be required to obtain employment and required to pay fees to live in the facility. The individuals would be confined to the facility outside of employment hours. When confined in the work release program the individual is required to attend programs and would be drug tested regularly. Matt Sporleder asked J.L. what he needed from Jennings County. J.L. stated that a financial agreement of \$145,000, a payment of \$72,500 twice a year, for twenty years is needed. Each entity, Jackson, Jennings, and City of Seymour would pay identical amounts. Bob Willhite made a motion to verbally agree to the contract contingent upon the terms of the interlocal agreement. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, J.L. Brewer asked the commissioners to sign a letter of support for the Fiscal Year 2020 Indiana Department of Corrections Grant. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Tessia Salsman needed new signatures from the commissioners on the Low software contract. The commissioners each signed.

Next, Auditor Salsman requested the commissioners appoint two people for the PTABOA board. The appointments would be Rick Martin and Jennifer Johnson. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the appointments. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Then, Auditor Salsman requested signatures on the Purdue University Extension Agreement. In exchange for this payment of \$91,440.00, Purdue Extension will provide Extension services through the Jennings County Extension, including 2.75 county educators. The money is already in the budget. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Commissioner Matt Sporleder's signature was requested for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The amount of the grant was \$22,500.00.

Matt Sporleder's signature was also requested on the title of a 1992 Tracer horse trailer. The purchase price was \$2,500.00.

Next on the agenda, Auditor Tessia Salsman, requested signatures on a payment request for the solar project. Greg Wilds had checked in on construction to make sure substantial work was getting completed. The partial payment was for \$572,227.99. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Reeves with the Highway Department spoke on the military wanting to rent the fairgrounds from April 15 to May 15. Currently there is a wedding booked for April 20. Matt Sporleder suggests checking other locations for the wedding to see if that is a possibility as well as checking with the military to see if they could work around the wedding.

Next on Jim's list, an individual wants to rent the 4-H arena for 4-H kids sometime in May. Matt Sporleder suggests donating the arena for 4-H usage.

Next, an individual wants to rent the Scipio Covered Bridge for a wedding. There will be no charge for this and the highway department will do road closures. Matt Sporleder suggests having the tourism board take pictures to add to their tourism flyer.

Another order of business from Jim was on the road in Commiskey that was thought to be vacated. There is no record found showing that it was vacated.

Jim's last order of business was to get signatures on titles for a Mack dump truck and a bucket truck.

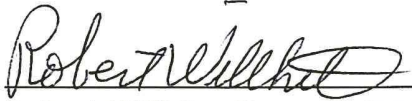
Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.



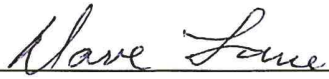
Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner